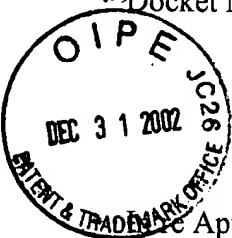


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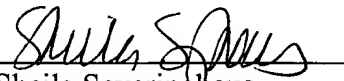


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In reply to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2002, please cancel Claims 5,  
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CLAIMS IN "CLEAN FORM"

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- 1 1. (ONCE AMENDED) A method for processing data on a distributed computing
  - 2 system that includes a plurality of nodes, the method comprising the steps of:
  - 3 maintaining mapping data that specifies work that can be performed by each of the
  - 4 plurality of nodes;
  - 5 in response to receiving a first work request to perform first work from a first
  - 6 process on a first node from the plurality of nodes, determining based
  - 7 upon the first work and the mapping data, that the first work is to be
  - 8 performed on a second node from the plurality of nodes;

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